IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

MONDAY, THE 26TH FEBRUARY 2007 / 7TH PHALGUNA 1928

WP(C).No. 6381 of 2007(I)

PETITIONER:

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1. P.SREEGANESAN PILLAI,
   S/O K.PRABHAKARAN PILLAI,KALEEKAL HOUSE,
   KAVANAD P.O., KOLLAM.
   (METER READER ELECTRICAL SECTION,
   SAKTHIKULANGARA).

2. J.SURESH KUMAR,S/O JANARDHANAN PILLAI,
   SEEJA MANDIRAM, PAMPALIL,PERINAD P.O.,
   KOLLAM.
   (METER READER, ELECTRICAL SECTION,PERINAD,KOLLAM).

3. S.CHEMPAKAM, S/O SAILAPPAN,
   PANAMPILAVIL, KANJAVELI P.O.,
   KOLLAM.
   (METER REDER - ELECTRICAL SECTION,OLAI,KOLLAM).

4. G.VIKRAMAN PILLAI,
   S/O SREEDHARAN PILLAI, PUTHENVILA VEEDU,
   CHERUKADU, CHAMMAKKAD P.O.,KOLLAM.
   (METER READER - ELECTRICAL SECTION,
   PERINAD, KOLLAM).

5. RASHEED.A., CHIRAYIL VEEDU,
   MUSLIM STREET, KOTTARAKKARA.
   (METER READER -ELECTRICAL SECTION,CHENGAMANAD).

6. SACHU.G.,
   PADMAVILASM, KIZHAVOOR,
   MUKKATHALA P.O., KOLLAM.
   (METER READER - ELECTRICAL SECTION,
   AYATHIL, KOLLAM).

7. SIRAJUDEEN.M.,
   S/O MOUDANNAN RAWTHER,
   PARIMANAM HOUSE, NADUKKUNNU,
   PATHANAPURAM.
   (METER READER - ELECTRICAL SECTION,
   PATHANAPURAM)

8. AJAYAKUMAR.B.,
   METER READER, ELECTRICAL SECTION,
   PERINAD.

9. BINU.R.,
METER READER, ELECTRICAL SECTION,
SAKTHIKULANGARA.

10. DENNO CORREYA,
METER READER, ELECTRICAL SECTION,
PALARIVATTOM.

BY ADV. SRI.VINOY VARGHESE KALLUMOOTTILL

RESPONDENTS:
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1. KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
VYDYUTHI BHAVANAM,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. CHIEF ENGINEER(HRM),
KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
VYDYUTHI BHAVANAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY SC SHRI. K.S.ANIL

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 26/02/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K.DENESAN, J.

WP(C)No. 6381 OF 2007

Dated this the 26th February, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The petitioners belong to the category of Meter Readers in the service of the respondent-Board. The prayer made in this writ petition is mainly for a writ of mandamus directing respondents 1 and 2 to promote the petitioners to the post of Sub Engineer (Electrical) in the existing vacancies without further delay.

2. It has to be ascertained whether there are sufficient number of vacancies in the post of Sub Engineers and if at all there are vacancies, whether the petitioners are entitled to be considered for promotion under the rules governing the promotion and the appointment to the post of Sub Engineer and whether the petitioners are sufficiently seniors to be considered against the existing vacancies apportioned for Meter Readers. The Chief Engineer will have to consider all these factual aspects also. The petitioners ought to have approached the Chief Engineer before approaching this Court. If the petitioners feel that such a request can be made they are free to do so. If representations are filed, the same shall be considered by the second respondent-Chief Engineer and disposed of as early as possible. With the above directions this writ

petition is closed.

K.K.DENESAN
Judge

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